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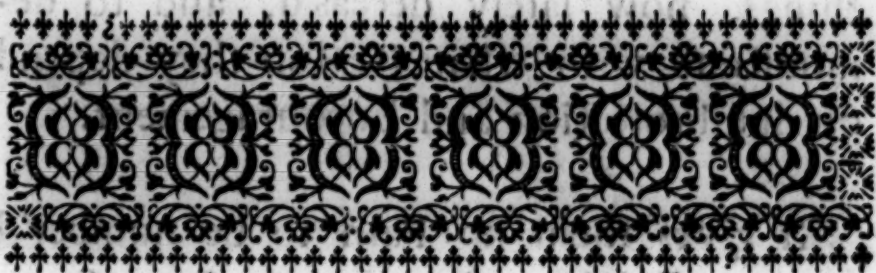
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THE Gentlemen, who manage this Undertaking, are indifferent what Opinion the Generality of Mankind may have of it. But, being desirous to stand right in the Eye of the Judicious, they publish these few Sheets to distinguish them-

selves from that shadowy Tribe of Nothings, now lately deceas'd, and to demonstrate with what Reason they depend on due Protection and Encouragement.

It gives them no Pain to be number'd among *Bubbles*; though, on Purpose to prevent it, they delay'd their Appearance till now, when nothing wou'd chuse to appear, that cou'd not depend on its Stability. They never propos'd to support their Undertaking by the feeble Arts of the Alley, having establish'd it on so solid and lasting a Foundation, that they have nothing to hope or fear, from the Rise and Fall of Opinions.

There are but two safe Bottoms (in Designs of this Nature) on which Men may build Expectations of Profit. One of these is *Land*; the other *Trade*: If either of them, separate, is an unquestionable Foundation: Nothing sure can be objected against Both join'd together. And such is the Security and Ground-work of this Undertaking.

Carolina is well known, as to Tempera-
 ture of Climate, Richness of Lands, and
 Commodiousness of Living, to be the
 finest *English* Plantation in *America*. But
 as to certain Disputes and Uneasinesses
 within themselves, they have been remark-
 ably *unhappy*; and were so weakened, by
 Effect of their Animosities, that the late
Indian War broke in upon the Settlements,
 at a Time, when they were altogether un-
 able to defend themselves; and therefore
 made united Application, for Assistance, to
 the Lords Proprietors; who hold that Pro-
 vince, under Right of a Charter from King
Charles the Second, to them, and their Heirs
 and Assigns for ever.

The Lords Proprietors, commiserating
 the Distresses of their Colony, and desirous
 to strengthen and assist them, as much as
 possible, did, in the Year 1717, make the
 following Grant to Sir Robert *Montgomerie*.

Abstract of the Grant.

“ **T**HE under-written *Palatine*, and
 “ Lords Proprietors of the Pro-
 “ vince of *Carolina*, do, on the Confide-
 “ rations herein after mention’d, grant,
 “ sell, alien, release, and confirm to Sir
 “ *Robert Montgomerie*, Baronet, his Heirs
 “ and Assigns for ever, all that Tract of
 “ Land which lies between the Rivers *Al-*
 “ *latamaha* and *Savanna*, together with
 “ the Islands, Ports, Harbours, Bays and
 “ Rivers, on that Part of the Coast which
 “ lies between the Mouths of the said two
 “ Rivers to the Seaward; and moreover
 “ all Veins, Mines, and Quarries of Gold
 “ and Silver, and all other whatever, be
 “ they of Stones, Metals, or any other
 “ Things found, or to be found within
 “ that Tract of Land, and the Limits
 “ aforesaid; with Liberty over and above
 “ to make Settlements on the *South-Side*
 “ of *Allatahama* River, which Tract of
 “ Land the said under-written Lords do
 “ erect into a distinct Province, with pro-
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“ per Jurifdictions, Privileges, Preroga-
 “ tives and Franchifes, independent of,
 “ and not Subject to the Laws of South
 “ Carolina, to be holden of the said Lords,
 “ by Sir Robert, his Heirs and Affigns for
 “ ever, under the Name and Title of the
 “ Margravate of Azilia; at and under the
 “ yearly Quit-rent of one Penny Sterling
 “ per Acre, or its Value in Goods or Mer-
 “ chandize, as the Land shall be occupied,
 “ taken up, or run out; payable yearly
 “ to the Lords Proprietors Officers at
 “ Charles Town, but such Payment not to
 “ commence, till three Years after Ar-
 “ rival of the first Ships there, which shall
 “ be sent over to begin the Settlement:
 “ Over and above which Penny per Acre,
 “ Sir Robert, his Heirs and Affigns, shall
 “ also yield and pay to the Lords Pro-
 “ prietors One fourth Part of all Gold or
 “ Silver Oar, besides the Quota reserved to
 “ the Crown, out of the said Royal Mi-
 “ nerals. Distinct Courts of Judicature to
 “ be erected, and such Laws enacted with-
 “ in the Margravate, by and with the Ad-
 “ vice, Assent, and Approbation of the
 “ Freemen thereof in Publick Assembly,

“ as shall be most conducive to the Utility
 “ of the said *Margravate*, and, as near as
 “ may be conveniently, agreeable to the
 “ Laws and Customs of *England*; but so,
 “ as such Laws do not extend to lay Du-
 “ ties or Custom, or other Obstruction,
 “ upon the Navigation of either of the
 “ said Rivers, by any Inhabitant of *South*
 “ or *North Carolina*, or their free Com-
 “ merce and Trade with the *Indian Na-*
 “ tions, either within, or to the South-
 “ ward of the *Margravate*; Sir Robert con-
 “ senting, that the same Duty shall be
 “ charg’d on Skins within the *Margravate*,
 “ which, at this Time, stands charg’d on
 “ such Skins in *South Carolina*, and appro-
 “ priated to the Maintenance of the Cler-
 “ gy there, so long as that Duty is con-
 “ tinued in *South Carolina*, but the said
 “ Duty shall not be encreas’d in *Azilia*,
 “ tho’ the Assembly of *South Carolina* shou’d
 “ think fit to encrease it there; nor shall
 “ it longer continue to be paid, than while
 “ it shall remain appropriated, as at pre-
 “ sent, to the Maintenance of the Clergy
 “ only. In Consideration of all which
 “ Powers, Rights, Privileges, Prerogatives
 “ and

“ and Franchises, Sir Robert shall trans-
 “ port, at his own Expence, a considera-
 “ ble Number of Families, with all Ne-
 “ cessaries for making a new Settlement,
 “ &c.

Carteret, Palatine.

Ja. Bertie, for the Duke of Beaufort.

F. Skipwith, for the Lord Craven.

M. Ashley.

John Colliton, &c.

What Approbation the Design of settling
 this new *Margravate* met with, as well
 in Council as at the Board of Lords
 Commissioners for Trade and Plantations,
 and from his Majesty's Attorney General,
 may be seen by the Report, a Copy where-
 of follows:

To

To the King's most excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

IN humble Obedience to your Majesty's Commands signified to me by the Duke of *Roxburgh*, I have considered the annex'd Petition of Sir *Robert Montgomerie*, Baronet, setting forth, that he being duly entitled, by the Lords Proprietors of your Majesty's Province of *Carolina* in *America*, to a Tract of Land within their Limits, to the Southward, near the *Spanish* Part of *Florida*, to which Tract they have given the Name of *Azilia*; he the said Petitioner does design to transport and settle there, a considerable Body of your Majesty's Subjects. Which Design has already been approv'd, in a Report on that Occasion made, to your Majesty, by your Board of Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, as what may cause Encrease of Navigation,
and

and become a Strength to all your Majesty's Colonies on the northern Continent of *America*, and most especially to *Carolina*, much oppress'd and weakned by an *Indian* War. But, by Reason of such War, the Petitioner having found it necessary to be at Expence, beyond his Expectation, does most humbly presume to represent to your Majesty, That it appears on Record, that when *Virginia* was first planted by the *English*, and oppress'd by Savage Enemies, as *Carolina* is at present, your Majesty's Predecessor King *James* the First, of happy Memory, then reigning, did, in the Year 1612, out of his Royal Bounty, and a Princely Regard to the Welfare of his Subjects, grant Licence for a Lottery, in Aid of the said Settlement, to be publickly drawn in the City of *London*. The Profits of which Lottery were to be apply'd by the Grantees for Support of the then new Plantation of *Virginia*. Encourag'd by the Precedent, and humbly conceiving, that the Act concerning Lotteries, as it was made by an *English* Parliament, long before the happy Union of the

two Kingdoms, does not extend to your Majesty's Dominion of *North Britain*, The Petitioner therefore most humbly Prays your Majesty, That your Majesty taking into your Royal Consideration the general Usefulness of the Petitioner's Design, will be graciously pleas'd to grant to him the said Petitioner, and his Assigns, your Royal Licence for proposing, establishing, and causing to be drawn (within twelve Months from and after the Date of the said Licence) a Lottery in your Majesty's City of *Edinburgh*, or in any of the Royal Boroughs of *North Britain*, to be drawn openly, and in the usual and most publick Manner, with, and under the Inspection of the Magistrates of that City or Borough, wherein it shall be drawn, who shall be satisfied for their Care, Trouble, and Inspection by the Petitioner, or his Assigns, as may be agreed betwixt them; and that the Petitioner, or his Assigns, may cause to be prepar'd and deliver'd out, by some Bank or Society of sufficient Credit, One hundred thousand Tickets, at the Rate or Price of forty Shillings *per* Ticket;

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The Money to be kept in Trust by the said Bank or Society, and paid out on Demand, to the Fortunate, that is to say, to those, whose Tickets, in the Chance of Drawing, shall entitle them to Prizes, the highest Prize being Ten thousand Pounds, and the rest, at the Discretion of the Petitioner, or his Assigns; provided always, that the general Proportion of Blanks to Prizes shall not be more, than Four to One, and that the Amount of Prizes, in the whole, shall be equal to the full Sum, which shall arise by Sale of the said Tickets, at the said Rate of forty Shillings for each; only a Deduction shall be made of a Sum, not exceeding fifteen *per Cent.* on every of the said Payments of Prizes, which Sum, so deducted, shall be paid, and allowed to the Petitioner, or his Assigns; to be apply'd in Discharge of Expences, and supporting the Settlement abovemention'd.

And I do most humbly certify your Majesty, that the Petitioner has produc'd to me certain Indentures of Lease, and Release, bearing Date respectively, the eighteenth

teenth and nineteenth Days of *June*, in the third Year of your Majesty's Reign and mention'd to be made between his Excellency, *John Lord Carteret*, Palatine, the Honourable *James Bertie*, and the Honourable *Doddington Grevill* Esquires, as Guardians, and Trustees to *Henry Duke of Beaufort*, Sir *Fulwar Skipwith*, as Guardian and Trustee to *William Lord Craven*, the Honourable *Maurice Ashley*, Esquire, Sir *John Colliton*, Baronet, *John Danson*, Esquire, and the rest of the true and absolute Lords Proprietors of the Province of *Carolina* in *America*, of the one Part, and your Petitioner, Sir *Robert Montgomerie*, of the other Part; and which appear to have been duly executed by the said Lord *Carteret*, Palatine, *James Bertie*, Sir *Fulwar Skipwith*, *Maurice Ashley*, and Sir *John Colliton*, whereby the said Lords Proprietors, in Consideration of the great Expence, the said Sir *Robert* is to be at, in transporting a considerable Number of Families, and making new Settlements in the aforesaid Province of *Carolina*, and other good Considerations therein mention'd, have granted and conveyed

veyed unto your said Petitioner, Sir *Robert Montgomerie*, his Heirs and Assigns, a Tract of Land, which lies between the Rivers *Allatamaha* and *Savanna*, together with the Islands, Ports, Harbours, Bays, and Rivers, on that Part of the Coast which lies between the Mouths of the said Rivers to the Seaward, with every of their Appurtenances; And in, and by the said Indenture of Release, your said Petitioner Sir *Robert Montgomerie* hath covenanted with the said Lords Proprietors, that he wou'd immediately transport, at his own proper Costs and Charges, a considerable Number of Families, with all necessaries for making a new Settlement into the said Province or *Margravate* of *Azilia*. And I do further certify your Majesty, that your Petitioner, Sir *Robert*, by his Affidavit hereunto annex'd, hath sworn, that he doth really, and *bona fide*, design to make such Transportation, and Settlement as aforesaid; And I find, that the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantations by their Report (which is also hereunto annex'd) have represented to your Majesty, that the
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propos'd Settlement wou'd be of Advantage to *Carolina*, and might defend the Plantations on that Continent against the Incursions of the *Indians*. I have also considered the Act pass'd in the tenth and eleventh of his late Majesty King *William* the Third, intituled, *An Act for suppressing of Lotteries*, and am humbly of Opinion, that the same does not extend to *Scotland*, and by Consequence, will be no Objection in Point of Law, to your Majesty's granting your Royal Licence to the Petitioner, for a Lottery in the City of *Edinburgh*, or in some of your Royal Boroughs of *North Britain*, there not being, as appears to me, any Law in Force in that Part of great *Britain* against the same. On all which Considerations, I am humbly of Opinion, that your Majesty may lawfully gratify the Petitioner, in his Request, if your Majesty shall be so graciously pleas'd.

All which, &c.

N. Lechmere 15 Nov.

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It may, in some Measure, be gathered from the foregoing Report, what Assistance, and Encouragement the Proprietors have Reason to hope for from the Government; And the Profits of the Lottery, as above-petition'd for, will, as soon as procured, be apply'd by the Trustees, for the common Benefit of the Settlement, and Advantage of the whole Body of Proprietors.

The Reader is to take notice, that the *Golden Islands* are a Part of the *Margravate* of *Azilia*, lying four or five Miles from the main Continent, and containing about one Hundred thousand Acres of fine rich Land, besides Sand Hills and Marshes; of which Hundred thousand Acres, Sixty thousand are rich Plain clear'd Ground, ready prepared for the Plow, and the rest close Thickets, and Woodland.

It is for Conveniency of this ready clear'd Land, and certain other Advantages to be found upon the Islands, that the Settlements are begun there; But they will, in a little Time, be extended to the Main-land,

and the Present Proprietors will then have Preference to all other Persons, as the Fund comes to be enlarged for that Purpose.

The *Golden Islands* are four; Their Names are *St. Symon*, *Sapella*, or *Sapola*, *Santa Catarina*, and *Ogeche*, now called *Montgomerie*; They have excellent Harbours, are very finely water'd, abound with great Plenty of wild Deer, Fish, and Fowl; have high, healthy, fruitful Land, and lie within a Days rowing of the *English* Habitations in *South Carolina*; And now lately, the Government have appointed an Independent Company of one hundred fourteen Men, to go over, and keep Garrison to the Southward, between these Islands, and the *Spaniards* and *Indians*.

They took the Name of *Golden Islands* from the *Spaniards*, who made many fruitless Expeditions into these Parts of *Florida*, in search of Gold, and Silver Mines, excited by a View of the prodigious Quantities, which their Countrymen brought out of *Pern*, about that Time.

Sir

Sir Robert Montgomerie by Indenture, the third of May last, made Sale of the *Golden Islands* above-described, in one thousand Allotments, each Allotment containing one hundred Acres, at twenty Shillings *per* Acre, twenty-five *per Cent.* only to be called in, for beginning the Settlement; he receiv'd not any of this Purchase Money, but subjected it all to be call'd in, and apply'd from Time to Time, as shall be necessary, in Improvement of the said hundred thousand Acres of Land, by Trustees, in the said Indenture nam'd, for the common Benefit of all, and every the Proprietors; their Executors Administrators and Assigns; so that they buy not only the *Land*, but the *Profits* of it for ever.

And in Consideration of his Conveyance of all these Lands and their Benefits, he reserv'd only a Right to two hundred of the said Allotments exempted from the first Payment of twenty-five Pounds *per Cent.* but subject to all further Calls, as the Rest of the Proprietors.

The Trustees, by the Indenture, are to make a Dividend of Profits, within eighteen Months from the third of May last, or the Proprietors have Power to appoint, from among themselves, an equal Number, to act for them.

They account for all Sums, call'd in, and divide Returns of Profit, in Proportion to the Claims; And the Claims are distinguish'd by certain Notes of Allotment, sign'd by Sir Robert Montgomerie, and running all to Bearer.

Note, the Title to the Lands was not meant to be conveyed by these Notes of Allotment, but was done in due Form of Law, by the general Indenture, to which the said Notes do therefore referr, and the Indenture to the Notes; for it had been tedious, if not impracticable, to have recited over and over, so many hundred Names, within the Compass of an Indenture.

This being the Nature and general Foundation of the Design, it remains to describe the Country, where the Settlement is to be made, and from the Products whereof, the Proprietors are to expect their Profits.

Azilia contains, in breadth, about one hundred *English* Miles, being all the Land, that lies between the two great Rivers, *Al-latamaha* and *Savanna*. It's length from the Sea-Coast, on the East, to the Mountains on the West, is three hundred and twenty Miles, or upward ; It is all a Plain Tract of Land, well water'd, with noble Rivers, stor'd with many useful Minerals, and cover'd in almost every Part, like one continued Forest, with Oak, Cedar, Cypress, Mulberry-Trees, Walnuts, Pines, and infinite Variety of most excellent Timber ; abounding with large Herds of Deer, wild Buffalo's, and most kind of Beasts, Birds, and Sea and River Fish, to an incredible Degree of Plenty.

But the best, and most authentick Account, which can be given of this Country, may be gathered from the following Letter, which was written by Colonel *John Barnwell*, of *Carolina*, who is now in *London*, to Sir *Robert Montgomerie*.

SIR,

S I R,

THE *English* on our Side the Ocean, heard with Pleasure and Expectation, of your worthy Design of planting *Azilia*, and it gives me particular Satisfaction to find, on my late Arrival from *Carolina*, that you are pursuing it with Vigour,

Every Thing that the *French* have proposed to themselves, by their new Colonies in *Mississippi*, may, with greater Ease and Conveniency, be produced to the *English*, out of your Settlement; for all Ships bound from *France* to *Mississippi*, must go almost round *Cuba*, pass by *Hispaniola*, and very near *Jamaica*, and return through the Gulph of *Florida*; which Navigation all, who are acquainted with, know to be both tedious and dangerous; whereas the direct Passage to *Azilia* is as easy, short, and safe, as a Voyage to *Virginia*,

We may be furnished from *Azilia* with many Commodities, that are now brought from the Coasts of the *Mediterranean*, and

other Countries, in, or near the same Latitude; for by Trials, which have been made there, by myself, and my Neighbours, *Azilia* produces *Rice*, *Silk*, *Indigo*, *Cochinele*, *Masts for Ships*, *Cedar*, *Myrtle Wax*, *Walnut-Tree*, *Dying Woods*, and great *Timber*, *Pitch*, *Tar*, *Turpentine*, *Rozen*, *Hemp*, *Flax*, *Pot-Ashes*, and *Cotton*; and had we *Olive-Trees* and *Almonds*, as we have *Oranges*, *Pomgranates*, *Peaches*, *Figs*, *Apples*, and *Pears*, they would, undoubtedly, do as well: And it is very reasonable to believe many more *Fruits* and *Drugs*, growing in *Persia*, in *India*, about *Lahore*, in *China*, and in *Japan*, Places lying in the same Climate, would thrive there, to the great Advantage of the *British Nation*, were proper Methods taken to procure the same.

You will never have Occasion to provide Fodder for black Cattle, Horses, or Hogs; the Winter being so mild, that in few Years they will encrease prodigiously, as they have done in *Cuba* and *Hispaniola*, where they kill them only for their Hides and Tallow; as is also at this Time practi-
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sed in those Parts of *Carolina* bordering on your Settlement.

As for the *Indian Trade*, which takes off a great Quantity of our Woollen Manufacture, in Exchange for Buck-Skins, and other valuable Furs and Peltery, all this Trade must, of Necessity, center with you, as not only being nearer to the *Indians*, who deal most, but also having Water-Carriage to within a little of their Towns. These Advantages will soon oblige all our *Indian Traders*, to take up their Residence in your Settlements.

I must not omit hinting to you the Advantage, that might accrue by a well regulated Commerce with the *Spaniards* of *St. Augustine*, *St. Joseph*, and *Pansecola*, so very near your Islands, that most of their Money may pass through, or center there. *Carolina*, at greater Distance, makes considerable Profit by this Traffick.

You may, in few Years, supply the West *Indian* Islands with *Lumber* and *Provisions*,
cheaper

cheaper than all the rest of our Colonies on the Main of *America*, lying several hundred Leagues nearer to them, and being never liable to have your Harbours or Rivers frozen up, but approachable by Shipping, at all Times of the Year, which can't be done at *New England*, *New York*, or *Pensilvania*.

In Case of War with *France* or *Spain*, as you are seated just at the Mouth of the Gulph of *Florida*, a few Ships cruising there, would make it difficult for the *Plate-Fleet*, or the trading Vessels of either of those Nations, passing through that Gulph (which they must always do) to avoid being taken, between your selves on one Side, and the *Bahama Islands* on the other.

As to the four Islands which you have assign'd to the Purchasers, who are concern'd in your Settlement, they are called *St. Symon*, *Sapella*, *St. Catarina*, and *Ogeche*; to which last, before I came thence, I left the Name of *Mountgomery*. You have given them a general Denomination, which,

I think, they may well deserve, of the *Golden Islands*; for as to convenient Pasture, pleasant Situation, profitable fishing and fowling, they surpass any Thing of that kind in all *Carolina*. They have all a Number of Sand-Hills, or Downs, on the Sea-Side, and the Way between these Sand-Hills and the Sea, is so plain and smooth, that it is a very great Pleasure to travel upon it. Here and there run in among these Sand-Hills, small Creeks of the Sea, replenish'd with great Quantity of several Sorts of Fish, which are easily taken, and great Flocks of wild Fowl. There are very good *Harbours* among these Islands.

They are almost *clear* of *Wood*, and by their Distance from the Continent, secured against any Insult of the *Indians*. The four Islands above-named, contain above threescore thousand Acres of good Land, besides the Downs, very fit for Corn and Pasturage, and, as I said, almost *void* of *Woods*, so that it is ready, without Labour, for the *Plow*.

In the four or five other Islands, belonging to these, there are above twenty-six thousand Acres more, very good Soil, and full of close Thickets and Woods, very proper for *Ship-building*.

This being an exact Description of your *Golden Islands*, it is easy to infer, how fit they are for the Place of your Settlement. You may first stock them with Cattle, from the main Land of *Carolina*, and then, they will prove an inexhaustible Source of Provision, better than ten Times that Quantity of Land on the Main, the Stocks being kept entire, secure from Beasts of Prey, and without Possibility of Mixture.

I had Thoughts of informing you of several other Matters of Consequence, not here enumerated, but I have already exceeded the Bounds of a Letter; I shall therefore only add, that I shall be ready to vouch the Truth of whatever I have herein advanced, whenever you shall find it necessary to undeceive any Person, who
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may question it; wishing you Success in an Undertaking, which, I am sensible, is so much to the Advantage of his Majesty, and his Dominions, and to the Welfare of your Neighbours in Carolina, (who, I am well assured, will do all they can to assist and support your laudable Undertaking.) I conclude, with very great Respect,

Your most obedient Servant,

John Barnwell.

P. S. I am generally
once a Day at the
Carolina Coffee-
house in Birchin-
lane.

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From the Description contain'd in this Letter, and what has been said in the foregoing Pages, may be easily inferr'd the Sufficiency of the Ground-work: It remains now to say something concerning the design'd Method of proceeding, to make the Best of these Advantages.

The Shipping lately bought by the Trustees, for the Service of this Undertaking, as also the Preparations they have for some Weeks been making, of Arms, Ammunition, and other necessary Stores of all Kinds, are in order, forthwith, to Form the first Settlement, and raise a Fort on the Island *Santa Catarina*, for Defence of themselves, and all After-comers; for tho' there is no probable Appearance of Danger, they think it but prudent to be provided against it. But this they do with a considerable Difference from what has usually been practis'd in Cases of like Nature. For, instead of maintaining an idle Garrison of Soldiers, at a fruitless Expence to the Proprietors, they form all the Labouring-Men
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they send over, to be capable, by good Discipline, of defending themselves, on all Occasions; to which End they divide them into regular Companies, and cloath them handsomly and uniformly, in blue Cloth, fac'd with White, and arm them with *Fuzee's*, with *Bayonets*, &c. And they are exercis'd and commanded in their Military Services, by the very same Officers, who are Directors of their Labour in the common Employments they will be set about: So that to *fight* is their extraordinary, and to *work* their ordinary Occupation.

The following Extract, from their Minute-Book, will better explain the Nature of the Agreements they make with the Men, whom they take into their Service.

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they sent over, to be capable, by good
Discipline, of defending themselves, on all
At a Meeting of the Trustees
for planting and improv-
ing the Golden Islands,
to the South of Port-
Royal in Carolina, at
their Office in Lothbury,
on Tuesday the 13th of
September, 1720.

Resolv'd that all *Husbandmen and La-*
bourers who are sent over, shall enter
into Articles to work, as Covenant-Ser-
vants, in tilling the Ground, or on any
other Employment which may be appoint-
ed them, for the Space of five Years from
their Arrival in the Islands, during which
Time they shall also be subject to a regular
Discipline, and made capable, by frequent
Exercise, to handle Arms in a soldierly
Manner, and defend themselves well upon
Occasion.

That

That Cloaths, Provision, Bedding, and other necessities shall be furnish'd them, at the Expence of the Proprietors; their Cloathing consisting of the following Particulars, a Coat, a Waistcoat, two Pair of Breeches, a Frock, four Shirts, four Neck-cloths, two Pair of Shoes, a Pair of Buckles, two Pair of Stockings, a Hat: Besides all which, they shall receive Pay, after the Rate of six Pence per Day *English* Money, to be paid, either in the *Islands*, or to their proper Attorney in *London*.

That they shall also be furnish'd with proper Arms for their Defence, at the Expence of the Proprietors.

That, after Expiration of five Years (being the usual Term of Service in those Countries) each Husbandman or Labourer shall have a House, and ten Acres of Land, all ready clear'd for the Plow, and consequently of much more Value, than such Land as is usually assign'd in the Plantations; to have and to hold the said House and Lands for three Lives, being furnish'd

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for the first Year, with Stock, and all necessary Materials, at the Charge of the Proprietors; and allowing only to the said Proprietors a fifth Part in Kind of the Product of the said Lands, *per Acre*.

Resolved, That for the Encouragement of all *Handicraft Tradesmen* of good Character, they shall be appointed *Overseers*, be cloath'd, arm'd and provided for, as the rest, and receive Pay over and above, after the Rate of *eighteen Pence per Day*, *English Money*, to be paid either *there*, or in *London*.

That, after Expiration of the five Years, each such *Handicraft Tradesman*, or *Overseer*, shall have a House; and twenty Acres of clear'd Land for three Lives, on the same Conditions, as above resolv'd for the Parcels of ten Acres.

T. Darling, Secretary.

It may be proper to observe, that the Companies are to consist but of five and twenty Men; One of whom is a Gentleman, to command, and supervise the whole Company: Four are *Handicraft Tradesmen*, such as *Smiths*, *Carpenters*, &c. who are also to act as under Officers and Overseers: And the other twenty are stout labouring Men, so that each Overseer has five working Men immediately under his Care; and All, together, are accountable to the Supervisor of the Company; As the Supervisors to the President, or Chief Director of the Colony.

The whole Scheme may be reduc'd to this— The Men, who are sent over, going as *Covenant-Servants*, work five Years, for the Benefit of the Proprietors. In all which Time, whatever the Product of their Labour will sell for, more than the Charge of their Maintenance, is clear Profit to the Undertakers: After the Expiration of their Term of Years, each Man has Claim to a stated Parcel of ready-clear'd Land, allowing a fifth Part in Kind, of their year-

ly Product, per Acre. So, from Time to Time, supplying the Place of old Servants, with new ones, out of *England*, or from the Plantations, the *Old*, instead of *Servants*, will become *Tenants* to the Proprietors. And thus, the Profits of this Colony, will not only be settled for ever, but encreasing, every Year, upon a solid Establishment.

Over and above all which, a very large and certain Gain must arise from the Inclination, which Gentlemen, out of the neighb'ring Plantations, will find, to remove themselves and their Families, to so rich and fine a Soil, all ready-clear'd, and under Protection of a Fort, so well defended. Every Body knows the Advantage of clear'd Land, in the Plantations; one Man's Labour on such Ground, being worth ten, in other Places.

To this End the Trustees have resolv'd to grant Estates, on such clear'd Land, to any Gentlemen, who are desirous of settling there, to them and their Heirs for ever;

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receiving no Purchase-money, or stated Rent for the same, but only one yearly fifth Part, in Kind, of their Product *per Acre*: Each such Gentleman maintaining a proper Number of working Hands, as shall be agreed, in Proportion to the Lands, which shall be assign'd him, and applying the said Lands to whatever Use he thinks fittest.

It is easy to infer, that the Amount of this Profit must be very considerable, in a Climate, where the Produce of Lands is of infinitely more Value, than in *England*; and the Proposition is in general so acceptable, that not only many Gentlemen from the other Colonies, will come readily into it, but several, from our own Country, have now actually resolved to go over, on those Conditions, to settle Plantations for themselves; and are making Preparations accordingly.

For the stronger Inducement to such Gentlemen, and others, to make Settlements on the Proprietors Lands, the Trustees

have it under their Consideration, to prevent one considerable Inconveniency, which is almost general, in the Plantations; where few Men, having Stock large enough to maintain Ships, or freight them wholly, with the Product of their own Estates, they are expos'd to the Combination of Factors and Merchants, whose Business is to buy up Goods from the Planter; and who will neither purchase them, but at a Price much below their real Value; nor agree for any other Species of Commodities, than the common Staple of that Colony, which they reside in; and this Want of current Vend for any, but the common Product, is the Chief, if not the only Reason, why we are not supply'd with many very rich and very profitable Commodities, which our Plantations are more fit for, and which they wou'd get much more by producing, than they now gain by the Tobacco, which often overstocks the Markets, from *Virginia* and *Maryland*; and the Sugar, which does the same, from *Barbadoes*, *Jamaica*, and all the *Leeward Islands*.

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For Remedy of all this, it is design'd by the Trustees, in their Settlement of the *Golden Islands*, and of all *Azilia* in general, to fix a stated, known, and unalterable Price, for all Sorts of Commodities, which any Planters shall produce, by Cultivation of the Lands, they agree with them for settling on. And they will establish, from Time to Time, a Fund sufficient to take off the said Products from the Planters Hands, at the known and declared Rates, as fast as the said Planters shall be able to raise them; by which Means two infallible Benefits must arise to both Parties: The *Planters*, when they find, that they are sure of a Market, will apply themselves, with Pleasure and Vigour, to raise Products of different Kinds, and so their Estates will not rival, and run down the Value of each other. And the *Proprietors*, on their Part, becoming the common Buyers, and Exporters of all Goods from their Country, will unite three considerable Benefits to their Advantage; 1st, The Fifth of all Products, which will be paid them, as a

Quit-Rent; 2dly, The Profits of the Merchant, upon buying the other four Parts; And, 3dly, The Gain of Freight, by exporting the said Commodities in Ships of their own Building.

As to the particular Improvements, which are propos'd to be gone upon; it will not be expected, that any Thing of that Nature shou'd be made publick, in this Manner; In general, it is resolv'd by the Trustees, that the most easy, and most certain, are the best to begin with. Many noble Experiments will be made, which may open the Way to great Things hereafter; but the *safest* and most *beaten* Tracks are thought properest, for the first Application.

The Reader can scarce Doubt a considerable Benefit, if he reflects, that little more than a Third of the Hundred thousand Acres is *Wood-land*; above Sixty thousand Acres lying as clear, and as plain, as the finest Pastures in *England*.

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And as to this *Woodland* itself, certain Methods will be taken, to make it of equal Value, if not much more, than the others, to which End proper Persons are sent over, skill'd in making and managing, to the best Advantage, some rich and merchantable Commodities, which none but such thick wooded Countries are fit for.

But, to form a true Judgment, concerning the Value of the Sixty thousand Acres of *readily-clear'd Land*, so commodiously seated, it need only be remember'd, what a Noise has been made about the Thirty thousand Acres of clear'd *French Lands*, in the Island of *St. Christophers*, which were given up by an Article, in the Treaty of *Utrecht*. Every Body knows, that it has been represented to the Parliament, that these Lands might be sold, at the Rate of ten Pound an Acre, and find Plenty of Purchasers, from the neighbouring Plantations: It is easy then to draw Inferences, to the Advantage of twice that Quantity of much richer Land, much better clear'd, and in a better Si-

Situation ; for the Climate of *Azilia* is not only capable of all the Products of the Other, but also of *Pitch, Tar, Corn, Wine, Oil, Provisions*, and many more such, which the other is not fit for.

This then is a Foundation, which must be acknowledg'd Equal to much higher Expectations than have probably been yet rais'd among the Gentlemen, concern'd in the Undertaking.

It has been objected, that the utmost Extent of the Stock, being but One hundred thousand Pounds, will prove too little, to supply the Expence of so considerable a new Settlement ; it is answered, that the Trustees have taken their Measures with so much Caution, as to assure the Proprietors, they will make no new Call, till after a Dividend of Profit, at which Time the Books will be laid open to the strictest Examination ; that all Persons, interested, may be convinc'd, that the Money divided, is the neat Proceed of the Trade ; and if it then shall be thought properest to encrease

crease the Stock gradually, by Deduction from the Dividends, easy Means may be found to support the Undertaking in its utmost Extent, without Calling in any Part of the hundred Pound, Purchase-Money, upon each Allotment, further than the 25 *l.* already paid by the Proprietors.

The only Reason for publishing any Thing at present concerning this Design, is to vindicate it from Mistakes and Misrepresentations: Which are the natural Consequences of Men's Disappointments, and fall, commonly, without Distinction, on the *Solid* and *Chimerical*.

It has already been demonstrated, in several printed Abstracts, that the Powers, proceeded by, are authoriz'd by Royal Charter, so far as to enable the Proprietors of Allotments, and their Assigns, for ever, to sell and buy Shares, as they think fit, in the Lands, and Profits of these Islands, without incurring any of the Penalties, in the late Act of Parliament, for suppressing Publick Subscriptions, &c. detrimental to the Trade, and Benefit of the Kingdom.

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crease the stock gradually by Deduction
It is a Wonder, indeed, how any
Doubt; of that Kind, could find Place in
Men's Judgment! What most encreases Ex-
port and Import, is the most beneficial
Trade to the Nation: And nothing does
either, in any Degree equal to such a Set-
tlement, as is the Foundation of this Un-
dertaking.

And this, naturally, introduces a re-
markable Advantage, with which these
Pages shall conclude: Which is, a Privi-
lege, granted by the Crown, for Encou-
agement of certain rich Products from
these Parts: To which End Liberty,
Power, and Authority, is given to import,
from that Province, Silk, Wine, Currants,
Raisins, Capers, Wax, Almonds, Oil, and
Olives: Without paying any Custom, or
Duty, for the first seven Years: Any Law,
Act, Statute, Prohibition, Matter, or
Thing, made, or to be made hereafter, in
any wise notwithstanding.

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P O S T S C R I P T.

WHereas a small Number of Allotments have been kept, on the earnest Request of some Proprietors, for their Friends in the Country, and those Persons have not yet made their Payment, Notice is hereby given, that if they do it not forthwith, the said Allotments will be dispos'd of, at the first Price, to any other Persons, who shall pay in upon them.

Any *Husbandmen, Labourers, or Handicraft Tradesmen*, of good Character, may have Proposals for their Encouragement, at the Office for the *Golden Islands*; which is kept at *the Great Yellow Gates*, over-against the *Church in Lothbury*.

F I N I S.

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kept at the Great Teller Gate, over against
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